

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Brian Hannon on 09/01/2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 1, 2, 4-13 and 15 are the same as amended by the applicant on 06/04/2009.

Please amend claim 14 as follows:

14) (currently amended): Production process according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein at least one of said at least two two-screw extruders has a ratio between the outer diameter and the inner diameter of the screws lying between 1.4 and 2.0 and preferably between 1.55 and 1.8.

Please add new claim 16 as follows:

16) (new): Production process according to claim 1, wherein at least one of said at least two two-screw extruders has a ratio between the outer diameter and the inner diameter of the screws lying between 1.55 and 1.8.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art fails to teach or fairly suggest the use of two two-screw extruders in series for the

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processing of an adhesive composition comprising rubber, a hydrocarbon resin, and a solvent.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CARSON GROSS whose telephone number is (571)270-7657. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Khanh Nguyen can be reached on (571)272-1036. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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